friendly, demand driven agriculture extension system; (iv) accelerating diversification to high vlalue crops including horticulture activities; (v) strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain; (vi) optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rain fed farming system; (vii) reforming agricultural markets, and widespread use of post harvest technology; and (viii) putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.

Proposal of buffalo-breeding programme submitted by Punjab

3669. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has submitted a Rs. 4.00 crores project proposal for buffalo-breeding and improving the buffalo breed in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Central Government's aid sought therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Punjab submitted the project proposal in 2000-01 under National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding. The project has been approved with the total cost of Rs. 2148 lakh; out of which an amount of Rs. 1433.10 lakh has been released so far to the Punjab Livestock Development Board for the implementation of project.

Transferring of funds by NDDB

†3670 SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) had transferred

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.